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To save the world, we have to save the whole world

Since the 2006 Forest Plan for Wayne National Forest, the world has seen an increase in the extinction rate of species and declines - some drastic - in populations of living organisms thus diminishing and degrading the life-supporting ecosystem of the planet earth.

Since 2006, the Wayne has contributed to species population declines with its management actions, especially large-scale ones like logging and prescribed fire.

The destructive actions continue and the need for change is for them to stop - a paradigm shift from destruction to preservation.

The Wayne can be compared to an island of terrestrial diversity surrounded by less diverse and more human-impacted land. The larger the island, the more the diversity.

The highest, best, most important use of the Wayne is as an island of refugia, preserving and protecting as much native, natural, biological diversity as possible.